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In re Application of: WEBER, et al.
Serial No.: 08/675,280
Filed: July 1, 1996
Group No.: 3743
Examiner: Atkinson, C.
Title: CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL
EMBEDDED ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT BOARDS AND
ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT BOARDS ASSEMBLIES USING
POROUS AND FIBROUS MEDIA

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a continuing prosecution application (CPA). Applicants previously filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on June 22, 1998, while this case was pending before the Board of Appeals. Then, in a communication mailed September 2, 1998, the Board of Appeals remanded the case to the Examiner for consideration of the IDS. Thereafter, on September 10, 1998, the Examiner issued a communication (Paper No. 16) which indicated that the prior IDS did not fully comply with Rules 97 and 98, and that the IDS was therefore being placed in the application file without being considered on the merits.

In order to obtain consideration of the documents submitted with and identified in the prior IDS, Applicants are filing this CPA application, accompanied by the present IDS.

More specifically, enclosed Form PTO-1449 lists the documents which were filed in the PTO with the prior IDS. These documents came to the attention of Applicants by virtue of the fact that they were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in a corresponding European application. Consequently, a copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed. Since a copy of each of the documents listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 was filed with the prior IDS, the PTO file already includes a copy of each of these documents, and a further copy is therefore not being submitted with the present IDS.

In the communication mailed September 10, 1998, one of the objections raised by the Examiner was that Applicants failed to provide a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references. The enclosed European Search Report includes an indication of the relevance of each non-English document, which obviates the need to provide a separate concise explanation of relevance. (MPEP 609). Nevertheless, it should be noted that Applicants have previously submitted a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,404,272, which is listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449, and which corresponds to listed European Publication No. 0,541,456. Further, Applicants have previously submitted an English-language Abstract for each of Japanese Reference Nos. 63-267890, 4-44352, and 6-291480.

In view of the fact that the present IDS is accompanied by a transmittal for a CPA application, it is respectfully submitted that the present IDS is in full compliance the requirements of Rules 97 and 98, and is therefore respectfully requested that the

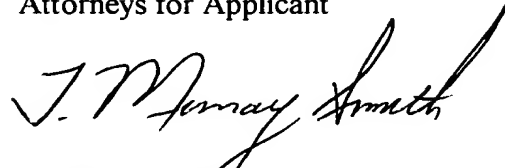
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present IDS be considered on the merits. Further and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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